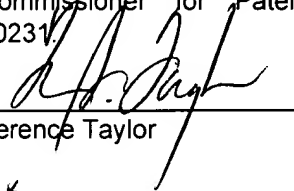




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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE

ACTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 1997

In response to the final Office Action dated December 10, 1997, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to April 10, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 29 and 31 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 28 and 30 as follows: